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(b) Ramnad district is not within the scope of the project and the amount of water available would not admit of its extension to that district.

Water level in Dongal cheruvu tank in Cuddapah district.

87 Q.—Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) what orders have been passed on the proposal to breach or reduce the water level of the Dongal cheruvu tank in Cuddapah taluk;

(b) whether the ryots under the tank have submitted a protest against the proposal; and

(c) whether the Government cannot leave the tank as it is, in view of the hardship that would be caused to the ryots under the tank?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 268 at the meeting held on the 16th September 1922.

(b) The answer is in the affirmative.

(c) The alteration of the tank weir was designed to lower the maximum water level while retaining the full tank level as it was before. Thus the storage of the tank will not be reduced.

The Proddatur irrigation channel.

88 Q.—Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether any steps have been taken to restore the irrigation channel passing by Proddatur town; and

(b) whether it is a fact that there is not a drop of water in the said channel and that the lands irrigated by it are lying completely waste?

A.—(a) & (b) The channel referred to is a spring channel—a minor work. Owing to the total neglect of the ryots to do the annual silt clearance by kudimaramat labour, the channel is completely chocked up with silt and is not in working condition at present. A proposal to divert the channel was investigated in 1922 but was found to involve prohibitive expenditure.

Upper Pennar, Hindupur and Roddam projects.

89 Q.—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(1) whether the Upper Pennar project in Anantapur district has been abandoned on the ground that it was not found to be sufficiently remunerative and whether other irrigation projects have been kept in abeyance pending the investigation of the former;

(2) whether the Government propose to take up the Hindupur project for consideration now that the Upper Pennar project has been shelved; and

(3) whether Roddam project was considered fit to be taken up as a famine-relief work and whether the Government propose to take it up as the present seasonal conditions in the localities are very bad?

A.—(1) Yes. The project was unsuitable as a famine protective work.

(2) & (3) The scheme for a reservoir on the Kistna at Sangameswaram now under investigation aims at augmenting the supply in the Pennar by the Kistna water. The possibility of the Pennar scheme will be investigated after the results of the above investigation are known.